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A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Thomas Sokoly, DDS



Dr. Thomas Sokoly

Dear Colleagues:

I'm pleased to announce there are a lot of exciting events in the next few months specifically geared at increasing the opportunities for Society members to interact and network with one another. The DC Dental Society Charity Golf Tournament will be held September 14th at the Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, Maryland. This exciting networking event is open to all and we encourage you to bring your colleagues and friends and play as a team.

Net proceeds will benefit the DCDS Foundation, the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Society, dedicated to providing oral health care and promoting oral health literacy in the District. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Register online at the [DC Dental Society website](#).

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Dentists Must Comply with ACA Section 1557

Message from Dr. Summerhays, ADA President

You have likely heard the Office for Civil Rights has issued a final rule that prohibits health care entities that receive certain federal financial assistance from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. The rule went into effect on July 18 and implements Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. It requires affected entities, like dental practices, to take steps such as providing meaningful access and effective communications for patients with limited English proficiency and/or disabilities. It also includes posting taglines and nondiscrimination notices in dental offices, on practice websites and in significant publications and communications by October 16.



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Recognizing the burden that has been placed on members, and in view of unanswered questions about the final rule, the ADA sent a letter to the Office for Civil Rights requesting an extension of the implementation deadline. The letter also requested additional relief for smaller practices. The ADA had previously raised similar concerns, among other objections, when the rule was originally proposed last September, but the concerns did not appear to have been addressed in the final rule.

Read the letter, and learn about resources the ADA has developed to assist members with compliance, at success.ada.org. The ADA Washington Office is developing numerous strategies to delay implementation of the final rule. Read more in [ADA News](#).

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On September 13th we kick off the 2016-2017 DCDS Educational Program series at the Westin Georgetown. Dr. Steven Wilson will be speaking on “Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office,” and dinner will be served. I encourage you to bring any colleagues that are not members so they may network and be introduced to the Society. The complete 2016-2017 monthly meeting schedule can be viewed on the [DC Dental Society website](#).

I want to remind everyone that at the request of the DCDS Board, the membership will be asked to approve bylaw changes at the September 13th Monthly Meeting. The proposed changes, which would modernize our voting process, are detailed on page 5. **Please read carefully and come prepared to vote.**

Finally, join me and other members at the Summer Happy Hour on August 11th at Mission in DuPont Circle. Enjoy a cool drink and great Mexican cuisine. I look forward to seeing you there.

As always, I'd appreciate hearing from you with any ideas or feedback you have. Please contact the DC Dental Society at info@dcdental.org or (202) 367-1163.

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Sincerely,



Thomas Sokoly, D.D.S.
President, DC Dental Society



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Swing into Action and Make a Difference

Register today for the [2016 DC Dental Society Charity Golf Tournament](#), being held **Wednesday, September 14th** at the Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, Maryland. This exciting networking event is open to all individuals and we encourage you to bring your colleagues and friends and play as a team! Net proceeds will benefit the [DCDS Foundation](#), the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Society, dedicated to providing oral health care and promoting oral health literacy in the District.

Registration

Registration is \$150 per person and includes:

- Green fees
- Golf cart
- Networking lunch
- Drinks on the course
- Awards dinner after the round
- **Free pass for another round***

Tournament Schedule

Registration and Driving Range Opens - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start - 1:00 p.m.

Post Event Social and Awards Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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Interested in becoming a sponsor for this event? Please contact DCDS Staff to learn more about the available sponsorship opportunities at (202) 367-1163 or info@dcdental.org.

*Free pass only valid for a round to be played during the week.



Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future and Colgate Launch Grant Program

The Canada-United States chapter of the Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future announced a new grant program in August to help fund interprofessional projects that positively impact the oral health of pregnant women and children under 6. The annual grant program, backed by the Colgate-Palmolive Company, will award up to \$50,000 for selected projects.

The projects, according to a news release, "must focus on improving attitudes, knowledge and practices" related to the prevention of dental caries among children under the age of 6 and/or pregnant women within identified vulnerable populations including those from disadvantaged racial or ethnic minority groups or from regions with limited access to care.

To learn more about grant application, visit the [ADA website](#).

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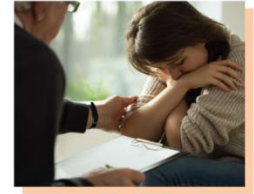
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Notice: Membership Bylaws Vote on September 13

Members to vote at the September Monthly Meeting on bylaws changes to allow mail and online balloting.

At the request of the DCDS Board, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has drafted amendments to the Society's bylaws to allow eligible members the opportunity to vote by mail or online ballot. Currently, all DCDS members must appear in person to cast a ballot for contested Society leadership and ADA House of Delegate positions. The recommended changes to the bylaws strive to modernize the Society's voting process and give more members the opportunity to participate in the democratic process of electing officers and in deciding issues. The membership will be asked to approve these bylaw changes at the September 13th Monthly Meeting. Members are encouraged to share any comments or questions they may have to the DCDS Business Office at info@dcdental.org.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Recommend Updates to DCDS Bylaws

13.0 CHAPTER XIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

13.10 PROCEDURE

13.11 Nominations for elections to any position or office with the exception of the President and General Chair of the NCDM shall be made at a designated business meeting and the election shall be held at a following appropriate announced meeting.

13.11.1 An eligible member may vote by mail or online ballot, or any other means of electronic transmission approved by the Board of Directors.¹

13.12 All members of the Society must be notified at least two (2) weeks before the election of the names of the candidates nominated of the various elective offices and positions.

13.13 A ballot sheet, when required for a contested election shall be printed made available with the names of the candidates nominated for the various elective offices and positions.²

13.20 TIMES OF NOMINATION

13.21 Nominations for elective offices of the Society shall be made at a business meeting at least two months prior to any election.

13.22 Nominations for delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association House of Delegates shall be made at a regular business meeting immediately after the annual ADA House of Delegates meeting and at least two (2) months prior to the election. ~~which will take place at a business meeting.~~³

¹ New amendment to permit mail and online ballot for any Society election with the Board of Directors responsible for setting election-/ballot-related policies

² Copy revised to be in conformity with 13.11.1

³ Copy determined erroneous as it repeats copy found in 13.11

DC Dental Society Happy Hour on Thursday, August 11

Relax with your colleagues during the DCDS happy hour at [Mission DuPont](#) in DuPont Circle starting at 5:00 p.m. Mission features Mexican cuisine and daily happy hour specials, including house-made cocktails with fresh-squeezed juices.

**Do you have a colleague who is not a member of DCDS?
Bring a potential member to learn more about member benefits!**

Mission is located at 1606 20th St NW, Washington, DC and is accessible via the Red line at DuPont Circle Metro Station.

To register, please click [here](#).



Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Payment Program

All dentists who serve DC Medicaid beneficiaries are eligible to receive an Electronic Health Records (EHR) incentive payment through the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program ([MEIP](#)). Dental practices that maintain at least 30% Medicaid patient volume can receive incentive payments for acquiring a [Meaningfully Using](#) (MU) Certified Electronic Health Record Technology ([CEHRT](#)). Up to \$63,750 is available to meaningfully use Electronic Health Records (EHRs). Nine out of ten dentists serving the District's Medicaid population have yet to avail themselves of this opportunity to leverage EHRs to improve population health and patient outcomes. Please visit the DC [State Level Registry](#) (SLR) for more information and to begin your Program Year 2015 attestation, accepted now through September 30, 2016.

In order to register for the incentive payment:

1. Register with CMS at [Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program](#). Select "District of Columbia" as the state of attestation.
2. Verify your EHR system is [CMS-certified](#) at [EHR version for Adopt, Implement, and Upgrade \(AIU\)](#).
3. Register with the [District's State Level Registry](#) for incentive payments.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jordan Cooper at Jordan.Cooper@dc.gov or (202) 442-9047 or contact Michael Tietjen at Michael.Tietjen2@dc.gov or (202) 442-9055.

*It can take up to 45 days for [DHCE](#) to process and issue your incentive payment.

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- **The ADA benefits** by being able to represent another member dentist.
- **The new member you recruit benefits** by taking advantage of all membership has to offer.
- **You benefit** by strengthening the ADA and sharing the value of membership with another colleague — plus there are incentives and prizes for recruiters! For details visit ADA.org/MGAM.

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You will be rewarded with a \$100 gift card for each new, active member you recruit (up to five members or \$500 in gift cards)! Or you may decline the incentive and ADA will contribute \$100 to the ADA Foundation. Please see *Campaign Rules* for full details at ADA.org/MGAM.

Participate in the 2016 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign and help build the future of our profession!

Don't Delay! For resources to assist your recruiting efforts, plus complete guidelines and rules visit ADA.org/MGAM, send an email to mgam@ada.org or call the ADA Member Service Center at 800.621.8099.



Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

September Monthly Meeting

The next DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13th at the Westin Georgetown and will feature a presentation by Dr. Stephen Wilson titled "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office".

Session Abstract

Estimates of the number of emergencies that occur in dental practices vary. The most frequently reported emergency is syncope; however, other relatively frequent emergencies involve hypoglycemia, seizures, angina, choking, asthma, and swallowing of foreign objects. This presentation will present an overview of relatively frequent emergencies and possible intervention strategies associated with the prevention of emergencies and with rescuing of patients. Because pharmacological management of pediatric (and other patients) appears to be increasing, emergency management of more frequent sedation emergencies, their prevention, and management will be discussed. To view the learning objectives, visit the event listing [online](#).

About Dr. Wilson

Dr. Wilson is a board-certified pediatric dentist and a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He has served as a Director of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and as President of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (2003-2004). He is the current Director of the AAPD-sponsored Sedation Course which is presented twice a year. He was awarded "Pediatric Dentistry of the Year" by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in 2007. He has published over 110 papers and spoken at numerous local, national, and international meetings. Dr. Wilson's research interests include child behavior in the dental clinic, sedation for children, and electronic monitoring during sedation.

Members planning to attend the September meeting should RSVP [online](#), by phone at (202) 367-1163, or via email at info@dcdental.org before noon on Tuesday, September 13th. Monthly meetings are free to members as a membership benefit. Members may also bring one guest for free.



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The DC Dental Society designates this activity for 2 continuing education credits.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

PRESENTATION TOPIC

Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
2 CE

SCHEDULE

5:45 p.m. - Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Presentation
Dinner to Follow Presentation

LOCATION

Westin Georgetown
2350 M St NW
Washington, DC 20037



Stephen Wilson
DMD, MA, PhD

2016 – 2017

Upcoming Events

All continuing education events or monthly meetings, including the annual Awards Dinner, will be held at the Westin Georgetown located at 2350 M Street NW. To register, or find more information, visit www.dcdental.org.

September

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" with Dr. Stephen Wilson

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Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bretton Woods Golf Course
Germantown, Maryland

October

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Adhesive Dentistry Update" with Dr. Edward Swift

20 – 25

ADA 2016 – America's Dental Meeting in Denver, CO

November

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Risk Management" with Andrew Gerner and John Murphy

December

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Health and Wellness" with Dr. Uche Odiatu

January

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Stay Out of Jail: The Top Coding Errors" with Dr. Charles Blair

February

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"A Hierarchy of Restorative Space Considerations for Implant Dentistry" with Dr. Joseph Carpentieri

March

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Sleep Apnea" with Dr. Paul McLornan

April

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Continuing Education Event

Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Conservative Approaches to Treating Common Esthetic Dilemmas" with Dr. Harald Heymann

May

5-6

2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting in Washington, DC

June

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Annual Awards Dinner

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

No CE to be offered

2017 ADA Humanitarian Award Nominations Due Sept. 15

The ADA is seeking nominations for the annual ADA Humanitarian Award. Nomination materials must be submitted on or before Sept. 15. The award will be given to an ADA member dentist who has alleviated human suffering, demonstrated significant leadership, served as an inspiration to others and established a legacy that is of ongoing value and benefit to those in need, both in the U.S. and abroad. The award, one of the highest honors the ADA Board of Trustees bestows, recognizes individual volunteer commitment and leadership over a period of at least 10 years that has had a broad impact on oral health and the improvement of the human condition.



To nominate an ADA Member, download the [nomination packet](#) online or contact ADA International Relations at 1-312-440-2726 or international@ADA.org.

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